In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A shoe, comprising

an outsole having a bottom surface for contacting the ground;

said bottom surface having a notch adapted to receive a stitch and hinder premature wear of the stitch;

a socklining adapted to directly receive a user's foot and having a peripheral edge on top of and in direct contact with said outsole ~~for directly contacting a user's foot~~;

a cushion between said outsole and said socklining; and

a securing mechanism extending from said socklining to said notch, without extending through said bottom surface, for securing said socklining directly to said outsole.

2. (original) The shoe according to claim 1, further comprising an upper in direct contact with said socklining.

3. (original) The shoe according to claim 2, said securing mechanism extends from said upper, through said socklining, and to said notch, without extending through said bottom surface, for securing said upper, said socklining, and said outsole together.

4. (original) The shoe according to claim 1, wherein said notch is a relief extending upwardly into said outsole and around at least a portion of a periphery of said outsole.

5. (original) The shoe according to claim 1, wherein said notch includes an outermost periphery of said outsole, an inner periphery smaller than said outermost periphery, a top surface of said notch extending generally perpendicular to and connecting

said inner and outermost peripheries together, and a vertical wall extending in a generally downward direction proximate to said inner periphery and connecting said top surface of said notch to said bottom surface of said outsole, wherein said top surface of said notch is between said bottom surface of said outsole and a top surface of said outsole.

6. (currently amended) A method for providing a shoe, comprising the steps of:

providing an outsole having a bottom surface for contacting the ground;

notching the bottom surface to provide clearance for a securing mechanism and to hinder the securing mechanism from premature wear due to the bottom surface contacting the ground;

directly contacting a peripheral edge of a socklining to a top surface of the outsole;

placing a cushion between the outsole and the socklining; and

extending the securing mechanism from the socklining to the notch, without extending through the bottom surface, for securing the socklining directly to the outsole.

7. (original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of providing an upper in direct contact with the socklining.

8. (original) The method according to claims 7, further comprising the step of extending the securing mechanism from the upper, through the socklining, and to the notch, without extending through the bottom surface, for securing the upper, socklining, and outsole together.

9. (original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of notching the bottom surface upwardly into the outsole and around at least one portion of a periphery of the outsole.

10. (original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of providing an outermost periphery and an inner periphery smaller than the outermost periphery, extending a top surface of the notch generally perpendicular to and connecting the inner and outermost peripheries together, and extending a vertical wall in a generally downward direction proximate to the inner periphery and connecting the top surface of the notch to the bottom surface of the outsole, wherein the top surface of the notch is between the bottom surface of the outsole and a top surface of the outsole.